

I have been an active amateur radio operator for over 40 years and enjoy narrowband cw operation on the 160 meter band. Narrowband modes are essential to enhance the signal-to-noise ratio for long distance dx communication on a world wide basis. Wideband signals (AM,SSB,etc) signals often cause harmful interference which is especially critical on 160 meters since the long distance signals are often at the noise level. Much progress has been made by amateurs in understanding the nature of propagation vs the effects of geomagnetic and solar activity on 160 meter long distance paths. The knowledge gained makes an important contribution to radio communications in general which is in the public interest.

I urge the FCC to adopt RM-10352 which will organize the 160 meter band into separate narrowband and wideband segments, similar to what the other HF amateur bands are today. This will considerably improve the usefulness of 160 meters to a large group amateur radio operators who enjoy long distance communications on this unique band.